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JAMES H. GORBEY, JR., Administrator of the ESTATE OF MARISSA ROSE FISHMAN, deceased 110 West Front Street

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VS.

RICHARD LONGWILL 3220 Coachman Road Surrey Park Wilmington, DE 19803

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NOTICE TO PLEAD

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT [2-S Premises Liability]

- 1. Plaintiff James H. Gorbey, Jr., was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Mariasa Rose Fishman, deceased, pursuant to the Order of the Register of Wills of Delaware County dated September 23, 2003; Mr. Gorbey is a citizen and resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 2. Marissa Rose Fishman ("plaintiff's decedent") was born on December 30, 2000 and resided at 110 Kelly Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.
- Plaintiff's decedent drowned on August 30, 2002 while staying at the home of her maternal grandparents, who are named defendants herein, at 3220 Coschman Road, Surrey Park, Wilmington, DE 19803.
- 4. Defendant Air Base Carpet Mart, Inc., d/b/a Air Base Distributing, Inc. d/b/a Air Base Carpet Mart ("Air Base") is a Delaware corporation or other jural entity with a principal place of business at 230 N. Dupont Hwy., New Castle, DE 19720.
- 5. Defendants Richard Longwill and Barbara Longwill ("the Longwill defendants") reside at 3220 Coachman Road, Surrey Park, Wilmington, DE 19803. The Longwill defendants, either jointly or individually, own the premises, which includes an indoor pool, at this address.
- 6. Defendant Teresa Zavala Garcia ("Garcia") resides at 101 Whitney Drive,
 Avondale, Pennsylvania 19311. Defendant Garcia was working as a nanny on August 30, 2002
 at the Coachman Road address where plaintiff's decedent drowned.
- 7. Pennsylvania jurisdiction is properly asserted over both the Longwill defendants and Air Base because they regularly conduct husiness and purposefully avail themselves of the benefits of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- 8. Defendant Richard Longwill is an owner, operator, director and/or officer in several Pennsylvania corporations, including Lancaster Carpet Mart, Inc.; Allentown Carpet Mart and Wallpaper Outlet, Inc.; Reading Carpet Factory Outlet, Inc.; Yorktown: Carpet Mart, Inc.; and Lomax Home Center, Inc. Lomax Home Center, Inc. is located at 2940 Jasper Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 100% of its stock is owned by defendant Richard Longwill.
- 9. Defendant Barbara Longwill is the secretary-treasurer of Air Base Carpet Mart, Inc., which regularly conducts business in Pennsylvania through its affiliates Lancaster Carpet Mart, Inc.; Allentown Carpet Mart and Wallpaper Outlet, Inc.; Reading Carpet Factory Outlet, Inc.; Yorktowne Carpet Mart, Inc.; and Lomax Home Center, Inc.
- 10. Defendant Air Base, itself and through the foregoing affiliates, purposefully avails itself of the laws and benefits of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 11. Philadelphia county venue is proper hecause the Longwill defendants and defendant Air Base own and operate Lomax Home Center, Inc. at 2940 Jasper Street in Philadelphia, Permsylvania.
- On August 30, 2002, Marissa Bose Fishman, a minor and an invitee at .1.2. Richard and Barbara Longwill's residence, was caused to drown due to the negligent acts and/or failures to act on the part of defendants and their actual and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees.
- Plaintiff's decedent, an infant, was allowed to proceed unattended through an 13. open sliding glass door separating the kitchen and a large, indoor pool.
- Said actual and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees included Teresa Garcia Zavala, a nanny, and workmen, employed by defendant Richard Longwill and defendant

Air Base, who, upon information and belief, negligently left the sliding door open leading to the pool on the subject premises.

- All defendants ramed herein are vicariously liable for the negligent acts and/or 15. failures to act on the part of said actual and/or ostonsible agents, servants and/or employees.
- 16. The Longwill defendants owed a non-delegable duty to all minor invitees on the premises to protect them from all hazards that were reasonably foreseeable; said hazards included both the means of access to the indoor pool and the work that was being conducted on the premises that day.
- 17, The unreasonably dangerous condition created by the work was foreseeable, and it caused the death of Marissa Rose Fishman.
- 18. Plaintiff claims all damages recoverable under the Wrongful Death Act, 42 Pa. C.S.A. §8301, and Survival Act, 42 Pa. C.S.A. §8302, unising out of Marissa Rose Flahman's drowning and subsequent death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff James H. Gorbey, Jr., hereby demands judgment against defendants in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) exclusive of prejudgment interest, costs, and post-judgment interest.

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BY:

THOMAS R KLINE ROBERT ROSS MATTHEW A. CASEY I.D. Nos. 28895/47152/84443 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated

YERIFICATION

I, James H. Gorbey, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Marissa Rose
Fishman, a minor, deceased, horeby verifies that within the Complaint is based on
first-hand information and on information furnished to my counsel and obtained
by him in the course of this lawsuit. The language of the document is of counsel
and not of the affiant. To the extent that the contents of the document are based on
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lawsuit, the affiant has relied upon counsel in taking this verification. All
statement founded upon reasonable belief. This verification is made subject to
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